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## WARD DIVISION.

From the first we have foreseen that the revision of the city into wards would be no light task. The committee to whom the work has been entrusted and whom they have their hands full, but by making known the plans proposed, they have invited suggestions and criticisms, and the map published in this paper Sunday throws a deal of light on the subject. The result will be that the committee will be able to ascertain the wishes of the people and thus they may be saved from errors they would otherwise make.

The main object of the change required by the Constitution is to equalize population and representation, and that object should be kept steadily in view. Under the restricted electorate there is no danger of the City Council's passing from Democratic control. The wards may be laid off naturally and equally without endangering the political control of any one of them.

When we say "naturally" we mean that each ward ought to be as compact as possible and the territory included in it should be such as naturally belongs to it. Personal considerations should not enter into the arrangement of ward lines, but the good of the public given first thought in every instance.

It is the hope and expectation of the people that Richmond's municipal life under the present Constitution will be marked by great advances and improvements and it is essential thereto that the ward lines shall be satisfactory to the general public.

No scheme of division that can be devised will win unanimous approval, but it is practicable to devise one that will be so obviously fair and sensible as to be acceptable to the great majority of thinking men here.

What the committee will have to do will be to investigate and amend and correct until they find they can do nothing more to fulfill the purpose for which they were appointed. It will be labor well spent, and the community will hold up their hands in every effort they make to promote the good of the city. Again we say that the public good, not personal or political consideration, should be at the bottom of every change made.

## LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

Intelligent and patriotic citizens of Richmond are giving much thought to municipal affairs, and are digesting plans for next year's elections, which is right and commendable, but it should not be overlooked by them that we are to have an important State election on November 24 next. This will be our first legislative election under the new Constitution, and we shall then be called upon to elect one Senator and five Delegates. And preliminary thereto the Democrats of this city will have on September 22 a primary election for the nomination of candidates.

An adjourned session of the old Legislature, so to speak, will be held, beginning on November 12th, and will have for consideration a great quantity of unfinished business, left over when the vacation was taken in May. Then, too, the report of the Committee on Revision of laws lately passed and others proposed will be submitted. So there will be plenty of work to do, and it is quite likely that some of it will be passed over to the new Legislature, the members of which we are soon to elect, and which will meet on the second Wednesday in January, 1904.

The selection of legislators ought to receive the most careful attention of voters. It is a matter of grave consequence, but it is bound to say it does not always command the serious thought it deserves. As a community we are not as zealous and watchful as we should be, considering the vastness of the interests involved. Voters would do well to mend their ways in this respect and encourage good men to come out, and when they have come out, give them a ready and cheerful support. And what is more, those who have served the people well and made good legislative records should not be denied the privilege of knowing that their efforts are appreciated. Too often excellent members have retired from service disheartened and disgusted, because, after all their sacrifices in the public interest, they have received few cheering words and but scant thanks.

There is where there ought to be reform in the body politic. True merit should be promptly recognized; marked appreciation should be shown those who have rendered valuable service. It would be interesting to know how many of those who habitually complain of incompetent legislators ever have taken the pains to

express their gratitude to competent and effective legislators.

The State Senators who will be elected in November of this year will participate in the election of the next United States Senator, but the policy of the Democratic party of Virginia, as enunciated in the last convention held at Norfolk, at which Governor Montross was nominated, is that the party's choice for Senator shall be determined by a State primary election.

Mississippi is to have just such a primary in a few weeks.

The pure elections law passed at the last session of the Legislature will be operative in the coming elections, and will apply to primary elections as well as to the regular State election of November 24.

## DARING CONVICTS.

The thirteen convicts who surprised and captured some of the officers of the Folsom, Cal., penitentiary and then made their escape are men of enterprise and daring, but they will be caught again. It is hardly possible for them to elude the hundreds of men who are in pursuit of them. Whether "bloodhounds" have been put on their tracks or not we do not know; probably not. Those "old sleuths" have some little reputation in this part of the country, but are not in good standing everywhere else.

The Folsom prison officers were completely surprised and outnumbered. They had no idea that the prisoners who approached them had any hostile intent.

Folsom penitentiary, as we stated yesterday, is a prison without walls. It is situated in a rocky amphitheatre, close to the American River, about twenty miles from Sacramento. At night the prisoners are locked in their cells; in the day they work in the stone quarries. Upon the surrounding hills are guards occupying watch towers, and for arms they have rifles and Gatling guns; but by interposing the captured prison officers between themselves and the guards the thirteen made good their break for liberty.

We predict that thirteen will prove to be an unlucky number in this instance. The fact is that prisoners very seldom escape recapture. The four who escaped from Dannemora, N. Y., last week were retaken in the course of a few days. At the Virginia penitentiary here an escape is rare. Rarer still does the fugitive keep out of the hands of his pursuers. The last fellow who scaled the walls and let himself down on the other side, fled as far as Delaware, where he committed a robbery and was arrested by the police, who discovered that he was an escaped convict and returned him here.

## A FACT AND A REASON.

The report of the State clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, North, shows a continuation in the decline of candidates for the ministry. In 1888 the number of candidates in the Presbyterian Church was 1,161; in 1890, 973, and last year, 810. Whereas this year the number reported has declined to 773. This in spite of the fact that the membership of the church shows a steady growth.

It is said that this decline in the number of ministerial candidates has sorely puzzled the editors of Presbyterian and other religious newspapers.

We do not mean to put our opinion against theirs, but we believe that the reason for this decline is to be found in the fact that the churches are not taking as good care as they should of their old preachers. Some time ago, in conversation with a distinguished clergyman—and by the way he was a Presbyterian clergyman—we were astonished to hear him say that he had laid up nothing for his old age, although for years he had been getting a fairly good salary, as preachers' salaries go. But the demands upon a warm-hearted preacher are so great that it is very hard for him to save anything out of his scant salary, and if the preacher does try to save he is apt to get the reputation of being penurious, and so impair his usefulness. Nor can he engage in any outside business by which to make money. He must give his whole time and attention to his work, if his work is to be properly done, and when he has worn himself out in the service he and his family should be properly cared for by the church which he has served.

Young men who see old preachers laid aside to spend their days in poverty, if not in abject want, are not much encouraged to enter the ministry.

## VIRGINIA AT ST. LOUIS.

Virginia is going to have a building of some kind at the St. Louis Exposition. It is for the people to decide what sort of a building it shall be. It all depends on the money they contribute. Captain T. C. Morton, who is giving his special attention to this subject, has already raised a sum of money for the house, and a house we shall have, but unless much more money is subscribed it will not be a credit to the State.

Thousands and tens of thousands of Virginians will visit the St. Louis Exposition, and they will find the Virginia building a fine meeting place. They will meet their friends there and leave their light baggage and get information and find rest and recreation. But if the structure is little and "tacky" they will not be proud to own it. We want a house to which we can "point with pride," and the only way to get it is to put up the money to pay for it.

We shall be judged in part by our building, and we should make it as good as possible. It will be a gift to the old State by her children, and the present should be a generous expression of our affection.

A negro Methodist conference that was very largely attended was held in Madison, Ga., the other day. A long list of resolutions was adopted, from which we take the following:

We commend the Southern white man because he refuses to let negroes drink at his fountains, eat in his cafes and sleep in his hotels, for the following reasons: It forces the negro to build his own resorts, teaches him business and turns a good deal of money to negro vaults and bank accounts. It gives his boy and girl work

and establishes thrift, industry and economy.

Another resolution recited some recent mobbing history, and the conference "resolved" that the South has become quite as safe and more desirable a place of residence for negroes than the North. The conference had evidently heard the news from Indiana, Illinois and some other States beyond the Mason and Dixon's line.

John C. Ludwig, of Chicago, supposed to be dead, created consternation Monday by appearing there, bronzed and healthy. Ludwig, who came originally from Morris, Ill., had no difficulty in establishing his identity, and now is trying to unravel the tangle into which his affairs have fallen since his supposed demise a year ago, when he was supposed to have been killed in a railroad wreck. A body supposed to be his was buried in the family lot, and with his life insurance, which was collected, his estate was settled.

A fistfight between Georgia colonels on dress parade ground and in the presence of the Governor was one of the novel features of a military celebration on the banks of the placid Oulethaw River the other day.

Eight months in jail is what a white saloon-keeper of Norfolk gets for gross violation of the Mann liquor law. Laws are made to be enforced, but it seems hard for some men to catch on to that idea.

The Republicans of New York have now pretty well determined to nominate Seth Low for a second term as Mayor. Senator Platt says it will have to be done.

Another hot spell is upon us, but it is not too hot to talk politics in rural Virginia, and never will be while the world stands.

Uncle Russell Sage says he never lost a cent by the recent slump, and everybody believes him without requiring an affidavit.

Chesterfield got rid of one of her negro accountants on the happy medium line. He was not lynched, and the expense and humiliation of a jury trial was obviated.

If Professor Langley's airship does not quickly show some signs of activity, people on the Virginia side of the Potomac will begin to think it is mostly hot air.

Bob Fitzsimmons is the champion of the wedding ring anyhow. He has just wedded his third wife, and none of them have ever died either.

Another instalment of the Kansas hot wave is due in Virginia to-day.

Cardinal Gibbons and his secretary, Father Gavan, reached Rome Sunday.

A shipment of hemp from Manila would sell well out in Illinois about now.

Borelli's comet, like some municipal transactions, has its shady side.

Trend of Thought  
In Dixie Land

Charlotte News and Courier:

White men and white laborers have done in the development of cotton growing in Texas and rice growing in Louisiana and Texas what, under competent management and with improved methods, white men would be able to do in the rice fields and on the cotton plantations of the South. We need a large immigration of industrious white people to this part of the country. They will come to us when we go after them, and when we get rid of a part of our surplus and congested negro population.

Memphis Commercial Appeal:

Jim Keene would not come to the assistance of Son-in-law Taylor and Son Fox-hall, he let them go under. Of course they have saved money out of the wreck and will want for nothing, but they are too fond of idleness and sport to succeed in Wall Street.

Savannah News:

Mr. Wu must reflect bitterly on the fact, while bending over his clerical desk in Peimint, that the mighty and able professor in Columbia College, New York, and remained in a country where he is appreciated.

Florida Times-Union:

Now, it is Illinois that is getting back on the map by means of a lynching. In the past years that are gone it was often asked why we got rid of a part of our Judge Lynch in the South was always a negro, and now it may be asked with equal propriety why the same charge is lynched in Northern than in Southern States.

Personal and General.

Dr. Donald MacLean, one of the most noted surgeons in England, died at his home in Detroit on July 24th.

Tobias Epstein, of Cincinnati, after nearly six years in the Postoffice Department of the Philippines, has been appointed postmaster of the city of Cebu.

Maximilian Dick, the Minnesota violinist, has returned to his home in St. Paul after a two years' concert tour through Europe.

Miss Laura M. Cornelius, an Onondaga, Ind., student at the University of California, says she will devote her life to the preservation of the language and literature of her people.

When Senator Henry Cabot Lodge recently asked to define the Monroe doctrine he said: "As long as our Secretary of State is named Hay our foreign policy will be 'Keep off the grass.'"

Thomas W. Lawson has about one thousand employees on his farm of 300 acres at Scituate. For the benefit of his employees Mr. Lawson has started a bank on his farm. The first week the employees deposited over \$12,000.

A Few Foreign Facts.

The German manufacturers of machinery are loud in complaint of the new tariff duty which puts 3 to 6 per cent on their goods, while the tariff of the United States is 45 per cent, and the new Austrian tariff is 20 per cent.

"Carmen Sylva," the Queen of Roumania, is now busy on a play, the text of which is said to be that marriage between peasants and princes are, to all right-minded persons, against nature.

The German Portland cement works have a capacity of 20,000,000 barrels a year, which is double the home consumption. The United States gets more than a quarter of a million barrels of the excess.

Venezuela will have coined at the Philadelphia mint \$4,000,000 of bank notes. A bolivian worth 12 cents and its name is pronounced ho-le-ver, with the accent on the middle syllable.

The high price of cotton has made Puerto Rican cotton crazy. This industry has been widely neglected since the Civil War until this season, in which 11,000 acres have been planted.

PEOPLE'S PARTY  
GETS TOGETHER

The Two Factions Bury the Hatchet and Will Stand Together Hereafter.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, COLO., July 28.—Amalgamation into one party was to-day effected by the two factions of the People's party in national conference. The following address was reported by the committee on resolutions and was adopted:

"The manifest unrest which everywhere appears in the nation demonstrates the dissatisfaction of the American people with the present management of government and argues the necessity of the adoption of any action coming together in united action for the purpose of obtaining proper legislation whereby the right of the people to self-government may be had for themselves and their posterity. Experience having demonstrated the failure of any attempt to secure the enactment of our truth, either through the Republican or Democratic parties, we believe the time is now at hand when the united People's party should declare itself emphatically opposed to any alliance with either of these parties and unqualifiedly in favor of national political action."

After reciting the fundamental principles of the Populist party as enunciated at Omaha July 4th, 1892, the address concluded as follows:

"With these principles firmly established, equal justice would prevail, special privileges would be eliminated, and ours would be, as patriots everywhere desire, a government of the people, for the people, by the people."

The conference adjourned sine die this evening. It is expected that the two national committees, which will meet here to-morrow, will ratify the action of the conference in the adoption of resolutions providing for amalgamation.

ANOTHER MOVE MADE  
IN THE LABOR CONTEST

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 28.—Another important move was made in the labor situation to-day when the Iron Works employers of the Iron Workers' Association, sent formal notice to the Housewives and Bridge-makers' Union, under their mon return to work by next Monday their places will be filled by any men who are willing to work under the joint arbitration agreement.

In taking this step the Iron employers received the support of the newly organized Board of Building Trades, which comprises a majority of the skilled unions which have signed the arbitration plan, and whose members, about 45,000, are now at work.

WILL PRESERVE PEACE  
IN THE FAR EAST

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 28.—The Daily Chronicle this morning, on the authority of a "usually well informed correspondent," hears that peace will certainly be preserved in the far east, notwithstanding the coming winter. The correspondent says that Russia has made important concessions to the United States and Japan, while Great Britain, which has conducted her negotiations on more sober lines, also has obtained her desires.

The Chronicle adds that an important Russian declaration will be issued shortly.

ROCK ISLAND'S ACQUISITION  
Evansville and Terre Haute and Other Lines Absorbed.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 28.—The Rock Island system, through the medium of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, to-day acquired the control of the Evansville and Terre Haute and the General Land Grant and its subsidiary lines, by taking over the holdings of the syndicate headed by Edward S. Hooley, senior partner of the firm of Edwin S. Hooley and Company, the failure of which was announced on Monday.

NATIONAL RAILWAY  
FROM SEA TO SEA

(By Associated Press.)

OTTAWA, ONT., July 28.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of the Dominion, today introduced in the House of Commons a bill for the construction of a national trans-continental railway. This is the Grand Trunk Pacific. It will come up on Thursday in Parliament. The contract for the road was signed before the notice was given.

## DAILY FASHION HINTS.

One of the most popular styles of the season is the little French blouse dresses. It is a style that is easily made and is more desirable for thin materials, and these warm days we are not thinking of



much else. In this pretty little frock a white vest from an old big collar edged with white ruffles enter into the ornamentation. The full blouse and square neck are decidedly pretty and childish looking. The skirt is the full gathered with large bow in the back. The material may be white or colored. A very pretty combination would be of thin plaid lawn in one's favorite color, using white for vest and embroidery ruffles and insertion.

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CASINO NEXT  
MONDAY NIGHT

Summer Theatre, Renovated and in Fine Order, Will Offer Musical Comedy.

The Casino at Reservoir Park will be opened for the season next Monday night.

The announcement will be heartily welcomed by the hundreds of play-goers and seekers after delightful recreation, who have been left without diversion of any sort up to this time.

The opening attraction is to be a musical comedy, "Too Much Married," presented by the Haynes Company, an organization that has already made a hit in other theatres of the Wells summer circuit.

Manager Wells has booked a strong vaudeville number, which will be given between the acts of the comedy, and the offering will be found very attractive.

The Casino has been put in splendid order and has been thoroughly renovated. The scale of prices has been put at an unusually seductive level, and the reserved seats will begin at Branch Allen's store on Main Street next Friday morning.

This is what a Montgomery paper said of this attraction last week:

If you are seeking two hours of sure enough wholesome entertainment go and see Al Haynes' Comedy Company, which began a week's engagement at the new Casino theatre last night.

No doubt this would be the advice of every person in the city, too large an audience which saw "Too Much Married" last night. The farce, a one-act jollity, scintillates with fun, and it has evidently been produced by these players many times, for they are well seasoned in their work.

The comedy is interpolated by specialties that are of a high order and the specialties form the greater part of the entertainment.

So much of the individual entertainment was good that it is not quite fair to specialize in a limited notice. From the time Al Haynes appeared on the stage, the audience felt that its money's worth was being done out.

"The Callahan Cadets," a stirring march number, was done in superior style by Haynes and Miss Redmond, of whom it should be said she is graceful and handsome.

Then James Beall, who, by the way, used to register in hotel books from Montgomery, enlivened the game with his "Three Women to Every Man" solo and chorus.

The vocal selections of Mr. Morgan and Miss Crook were delicious. That musical comedy of Morgan's is well suited to ballads and Miss Crook's voice is sweet and resonant. More than this, she is pretty. She is blessed with a pair of eyes that are alone worth a trip to Elkhart Springs.

The instrumental music of the Bartells, a man and maid, was his of great value. The little girl made a decided hit. She is a marvelous musician for her age.

And Miss Margaret Ross! Well, Miss Ross is not a beauty, but no more clever actress has been seen on any Montgomery stage. Her "Heavenly Bodies" specialty was a revelation. It was so funny that persons who saw it are laughing yet.

TRADE AND LABOR

Meeting Last Night and Phases of the Strike Discussed.

The Central Trades and Labor Council met last night at Euteria Hall, Fifth and Marshall Streets in regular session. The new officers were installed and the list of standing committees as now constituted were announced. The street car situation was discussed and the matter of giving the men on strike all practicable support and encouragement was discussed. Mr. John M. Ryall, the new president, presided and was he who presided over the big meeting at the Academy last Friday. He makes an excellent presiding officer and is a fluent and earnest speaker.

It is probable that the Council will organize other meetings in the suburbs to give expression to sympathy for the strikers and to plan the strike and the men's standpoint before the public.

DR. GRAY WILL CONDUCT  
BIBLE STUDY CAMPAIGN

(By Associated Press.)

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA, July 28.—Rev. Dr. James M. Gray, of Boston, Mass., has been designated by the evangelistic committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to conduct a campaign for Bible study, which shall have for its object the "deepening of the spiritual life and the quickening of the evangelistic spirit of the church." Dr. Gray has accepted the task, and will devote his entire time during the coming fall and winter to this work. The plan of the committee, as far as it is yet defined, is to place Dr. Gray in communities where his conditions favor, for a longer or shorter period.

MEMBERS OF STAFF  
GET OUT THE PAPER

(By Associated Press.)

SPOKANE, WASH., July 28.—No agreement has been reached between the striking printers and the three daily papers, and the strike will continue tonight. The Spokesman-Review issued a small paper this morning, enough type being handled by members of the staff to print the paper. The paper's statement as to the strike, which it declares was "in open violation of a signed contract." The Evening Chronicle and Evening Bulletin decided not to issue to-day, but to await the outcome of negotiations now pending with the officers of the International Typographical Union. The staff then are posting bulletins of the news for the benefit of the public.

WRIGHT MUST SAIL  
TO-DAY FOR LONDON

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 28.—United States Marshall Henkel to-day received from Acting Secretary of State Adlai Stevenson a warrant of extradition for Whitaker Wright, the London promoter, who has been captured by the London police and is on board the White Star Steamer Samaria, en route to New York. Wright and his associates were taken into custody by the London police and are being held in the Samaria.

THE CONTINENTAL  
ACQUIRES A PLANT

(By Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 28.—A deal was closed to-day whereby the Continental Tobacco Company acquires the rehandling plant of N. B. Dortch & Co. of this city. The financial consideration is not known. It is understood that the acquisition of the Dortch plant means the transfer to Louisville of the rehandling plant of the Continental Company.

The Engineer Killed.  
MARSHALL, TEX., July 28.—In a freight wreck on the Texas Southern Railroad near here to-night, Engineer Lloyd was instantly killed and three others were injured, probably fatally.
CHAMBERLAIN'S  
TARIFF POSITION

He Now Proposes Modified Duties on Foreign Food and Manufactures, Instead.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 28.—It is stated that arrangements have been made to call a special meeting of the Cabinet about the end of September, by which time it is anticipated that the ministers' investigations of the fiscal problem will have been completed and the Cabinet will be in a position to reach a definite decision on Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's proposals.

Mr. Chamberlain's opponents claim, as a result of the reception given to his proposals by Parliament and the country, that he is already shifting his ground. They point to inspired articles in the press and the conduct of the campaign of leaflets at Birmingham as showing the tendency of Mr. Chamberlain to abandon the policy of taxing food and substituting marketing duties on foreign and now manufacturing, the recent from which, instead of being devoted to old age pensions, would be applied to removing and relieving the taxes on sugar, tea and tobacco.

## Barton Heights.

Mr. Frank Crovo, wife and child, of Washington, are visiting his brother, Mr. L. J. Crovo.

Misses Amelia and Janette Jones, who have been visiting Mrs. S. P. Jones, have left for Norfolk, Va.

Miss Mayme Briggs, of Meadow Bridge Road, is visiting Miss Walker, of North Street.

Miss Ethel Saunders, of Medlock, will be the guest of Mrs. S. P. Jones, this week.

Miss Agnes Cowardin, of Meadow Bridge Road, is visiting Mrs. Thompson, of Petersburg.

Miss Mayme Cowardin is quite sick at her home on Meadow Bridge Road.

Mr. Walter Kidwell has returned from Orinda and Williamsburg, where he has been working for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway as operator.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Samuel Parish have returned home after a visit to friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. R. H. Fox and daughter, Miss Ivy, of Philadelphia, who have been visiting at Virginia Beach, are now visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCurdy, of Brookland Park.

Mrs. E. E. Hayes, of Morgantown, W. Va., is visiting Mrs. W. R. Brown and Miss Sallie Knight.